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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO CARTER ANNOUNCEMENT ON RADIATION WARHEAD

1. PROBABLY REFLECTING ICELANDIC PUBLIC'S SENSE OF
NATIONAL NON-INVOLVEMENT IN WEAPONS POLICY QUESTIONS
EXCEPT AS THEY MIGHT BEAR ON DISARMAMENT, PRESS HERE
HAS GIVEN RELATIVELY MODEST COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT'S
ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO DEFER DECISION ON ERW
PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT. RADIO AND TELEVISION HAD
BRIEF ITEMS ON DECISION, AND PRESS PROVIDED STRAIGHT
WIRE SERVICE REPORTAGE WITH NO EDITORIAL COMMENT TO DATE.

2. INDEPENDENCE PARTY (IP) DAILY MORGUNBLADID PRINTED APRIL 7 REUTERS DISPATCH ON INSIDE PAGE, AND PROGRESSIVE PARTY TIMINN CONDENSED SAME REPORT INTO TWO PARAGRAPHS. IP-AFFILIATED VISIR AND UNAFFILIATED DAGBLADID EACH HAD UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLES APRIL 8 FOCUSING ON AFTERMATH OF DECISION. FIVE-PARAGRAPH VISIR ITEM NOTED LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES CRITICISM AND REMARKS OF SECDEF BROWN AT WEEKEND NEWS CONFERENCE. DAGBLADID CALLED ATTENTION TO SHARP CRITICISM BY SOME FRG UNCLASSIFIED

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POLITICAL LEADERS TO DECISION.

3. ONLY FAR-LEFT THJODVILJINN GAVE STORY MORE THAN BRIEF MENTION. THREE ARTICLES BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON INSIDE PAGE OF APRIL 8 EDITION NOTED DECISION AND DISAGREEMENT WITHIN NATO OVER ISSUE; NORDIC AND DUTCH SUPPORT FOR DECISION TO DEFER

PRODUCTION; AND CRITICISM OF DECISION IN FRG. BLAKE

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